(b) No administrative stay is available following a final decision of the authority head.

#### §25.42 Judicial review.

Section 3805 of title 31, United States Code, authorized judicial review by an appropriate United States District Court of a final decision of the authority head imposing penalties or assessments under this part and specifies the procedures for such review.

# §25.43 Collection of civil penalties and assessments.

Sections 3806 and 3808(b) of title 31, United States Code, authorize actions for collection of civil penalties and assessments imposed under this part and specify the procedures for such actions.

### §25.44 Right to administrative offset.

The amount of any penalty or assessment which has become final, or for which a judgment has been entered under §§25.42 and 25.43, or any amount agreed upon in a compromise or settlement under §25.46, may be collected by administrative offset under 31 U.S.C. 3716, except that an administrative offset may not be made under this subsection against a refund of an overpayment of Federal taxes, then or later owing by the United States to the respondent.

# §25.45 Deposit in Treasury of United States.

All amounts collected pursuant to this part shall be deposited as miscellaneous receipts in the Treasury of the United States, except as provided in 31 U.S.C. 3806(g).

### §25.46 Compromise or settlement.

(a) Parties may make offers of compromise or settlement at any time.

(b) The reviewing official has the exclusive authority to compromise or settle a case under this part at any time after the date on which the reviewing official is permitted to issue a complaint and before the date on which the ALJ issues an initial decision. If the designated representative of the Government is not with the Office of General Counsel, the representative shall forward all settlement offers to the reviewing official and cannot nego-

tiate a compromise or settlement with the respondent except as directed by the reviewing official.

- (c) The authority head has exclusive authority to compromise or settle a case under this part at any time after the date on which the ALJ issues an initial decision, except during the pendency of any review under §25.42 or during the pendency of any action to collect penalties and assessments under §25.43.
- (d) The Attorney General has exclusive authority to compromise or settle a case under this part during the pendency of any review under §25.42 or of any action to recover penalties and assessments under 31 U.S.C. 3806.
- (e) The investigating official may recommend settlement terms to the reviewing official, the authority head, or the Attorney General, as appropriate. The reviewing official may recommend settlement terms to the authority head, or the Attorney General, as appropriate.
- (f) Any compromise or settlement must be in writing.

### §25.47 Limitations.

- (a) The notice of hearing with respect to a claim or statement must be served in the manner specified in §25.8 within 6 years after the date on which such claim or statement is made.
- (b) If the respondent fails to file a timely answer, service of a notice under §25.10(b) shall be deemed a notice of hearing for purposes of this section.
- (c) The statute of limitations may be extended by agreement of the parties.

## PART 26—GOVERNMENTWIDE DE-BARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT) AND GOV-ERNMENTWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTS)

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